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DARING ATTACK BY TELO ON KOKKAVIL MILITARY CAMP

48 Soldiers killed — 9 Teloists including 'Mizo' become Martyrs

Kokkavil Army Camp was a target for attack by **TELO** Freedom Fighters on 9th May 1985. 48 Sri Lankan Soldiers lost their lives, while nine Teloists, including its commander 'Mizo' who courageously lead his fighters against great odds became Martyrs.

Sometime prior to their attack, Teloists hi-jacked two Bulldozers belonging to the Government department, converted them into a mine sweeper and bullet-proof vehicle. Along with these they entered the Kokkavil Army Camp, facing cannon fire. Teloists attacked the Camp fiercely. The soldiers thought that the land mines they laid on the entrance to the Camp would have prevented the movement of the Militants but when the latter advanced without any hindrance, they got frightened and started running in panic shouting "Mage Amme" — My Mother. A number of them met their fatal end to the fire of the Militants.

One of the buildings in the Army Camp was razed to the ground. The Militant leader, Mizo, was advancing towards another building. Unfortunately his bulldozer stuck to the ground and was immobilized. The soldiers opened fire using the modern cannons obtained under American Aid. Mizo, who rendered yeoman service to the cause of the **TELO** Movement and his men jumped out of the bulldozer, faced the enemy and fired back. Fate destined otherwise and Mizo and his valiant eight comrades were killed in the encounter.

48 soldiers died on the spot. Mizo who participated in every attack of the **TELO**, who sacrificed everything for the cause of **TELO** and Tamil Eelam and his trusted comrades Bhava, Jeyrad, Venus, Kumar Ravi, Paran, Ajanthan and Balasingam, bowed before fate and joined the ranks of Martyrs for Tamil Eelam Liberation Struggle.

With a view to blunt the enthusiasm for the liberation of Tamil Eelam, the Sri Lankan terrorist Sinhala Forces indulged in looting, murder, mayhem, arson, rape and stand condemned before the eyes of the civilized Nations. They indulge in the genocide of the Tamils aided and abetted by the Imperialists and their stooges, U.S.A., Britain, Israel, South Africa and Pakistan. The Sri Lankan State obtains arms and advice from these States to suppress the Liberation Struggle of the Eelam Tamils.

TELO is determined to defend the honour and respect of the Eelam Tamils, save them from the tyranny of the Sinhala Buddhist Chauvinists and will fight to the hilt to prevent the genocide of the Tamils. The attack on the Kokkavil Army Camp on 9th May 1985 is a step in this direction. No power on earth can subjugate the **EELAM TAMIL NATION**.

HOMAGE TO TELO MARTYRS

TELO Freedom Fighters are second to none in joining the ranks of Martyrs in the cause of Tamil Eelam Struggle. On 9th May 1985, nine brave Liberation Fighters sacrificed their blood and paid the supreme sacrifice — their lives and **TELO** pays its humble tribute and homage to these Martyrs.



Comrade A. Gnanasekaran alias Mizo

Leading the Martyrs is the valiant fighter A. Gnanasekaran alias Mizo who hails from Karainagar. Mizo is one of the leading fighters of the Movement who was in the forefront of the massive **TELO** operations against the Sri Lankan Forces. The Chavakachcheri Police Station attack, the Yal Devi Train attack and other operations

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THAMIL EELAM SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED

J.R. Jayewardene may shout from roof tops that the ethnic issue in Sri Lanka is only an internal affair. But this problem has achieved International recognition. It is no more an internal affair. India has vehemently refuted the contention of the Sri Lankan Government's claim that the Tamil Eelam issue is an internal affair. India has declared firmly that what is happening to Tamils in Sri Lanka, is not an internal affair — it is Genocide — violation of Human Rights, and asserted that she can't wait with folded arms. Soviet Union condones the stand taken by India. Only U.S.A. and her stooges support President Jayewardene in his genocidal action against the Tamils. Men and money, modern weapons are all poured into Sri Lanka by the U.S. Imperialist and her clan to help JR in his genocide against the Tamils. He dreams that he could crush the Tamil Eelam Struggle by arms.

In May, this year, when some elements killed civilians at Anuradhapura, U.S.A. raised a hue and cry condemning the civilian killings. Alas! the torch Bearer of Democracy turned a Nelsonian eye when thousands of innocent Tamil civilians were massacred, maimed, raped and their belongings looted and burnt! Why? — Tamils are semi-human beings? Their lives are not worth living. Their properties have no values?

The Tamil speaking people of Eelam and their counterparts in the Indian sub-continent look to Rajiv Gandhi, when he addresses the U.N. Security Council shortly, give vent to the fears and hopes of the Eelam Tamils by raising their sufferings and demanding Sri Lanka to desist from her mission of genocide of the Tamils. Not only the Tamil issue, but the induction of arms into Indian Ocean region and its inherent danger to those countries should be exposed to the commity of nations. India should prevail upon countries who aid and abet Sri Lanka in her suicidal mission of exterminating Tamils to exert pressure on her to abandon her madness.

Recent events in Sri Lanka show State Terrorism's ascendancy in relation to the just cause of the Tamils — the Tamil Eelam Liberation Struggle. Last three weeks witnessed the massacre of more than 1200 innocent Tamils by the rampaging indiscipline Sinhala Troops. The Hitler and Mossad type massacres of innocent Tamils invited the Militants to speak in the language the Sri Lankan State and her Forces understood. Fifteen years of patience by the Tamil youths went with the winds. When compared to the massacres and mayhem of Tamils, the Anuradhapura scenario is insignificant. Of course, **TELO** hastens to add that it does not condone the action of the impatient elements who have done this deed.

The executor of the anti-Terrorism Regulations, the right-hand man of the Champion of the Dharmista, Mr. Athulath Mudali roared — he would eliminate terrorism from the face of Sri Lanka and bring the Tamil Militants to the negotiating table. Well, some international well-wishers of Sri Lanka State welcomed Mudali's statement.

Until now, **JR** and his international admirers thought that the Tamil issue would be solved if it negotiates with the **TULF**. Well, operation after operation by various Militant groups brought them to their senses. Belatedly Sri Lankan Government realizes that it should face the Militants and NOT the **TULF**, if a genuine solution to the Ethnic issue is to be achieved. The World too recognizes this truth. Two internationally recognized organizations are shuttling between Sri Lankan State and Militants to find a solution to the ethnic problem.

We do appeal to the conscience of the Nations to see the truth and render their services to the cause of Human Rights and Liberation, to recognize Tamil Eelam Liberation Movements as they have recognized PLO, SWAPO and ANC and help the Tamil Movements to deliver the "**THAMIL EELAM STATE**".

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS REJECT SRI LANKA'S PRE-CONDITIONS FOR TALKS

Joint Statement

Issued by

Four

Liberation Organisations

(TELO-EROS-EPRLF-LTTE)

We wish to register our strongest condemnation to the pre-conditions outlined by Lalith Athulathmudhali, Sri Lanka's Minister of National Security, for ceasefire and negotiations with Eelam freedom fighters.

The conditions laid down by Sri Lanka demand that the Tamil liberation organisations should accept, without reservations, the Sri Lankan constitution, the unitary state structure, the Sinhala national flag, the special status accorded to Buddhism, and the so-called democratic system as pre-conditions for talks. We outrightly reject these pre-conditions which are totally unacceptable to us and deny the very principles and objectives for which we are fighting. The imposition of these conditions explicitly shows the callous, belligerent and chauvinistic posture of the Sri Lankan ruling class which has no sincere intention of finding a political solution but rather committed to a disastrous policy of military domination and repression of the Eelam Tamils.

We cannot accept a totalitarian state system, which does not recognise the very existence of the Tamil nation, which negates the very principles of human liberty and justice. We cannot recognise a constitution which does not guarantee the fundamental rights of our people which is nothing but an institutional embodiment of Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinism. We cannot accept the unitary system since it does not recognise the territorial integrity of the traditional homelands of the Tamil speaking people.

We wish to state categorically that we will not accept any pre-conditions for talks, nor we will compromise on any alternative political settlement other than the establishment of our statehood and sovereignty based on the right to national self-determination of our people.

LTTE JOINS ENLF

In our first issued of 'TELO TIMES' we invited the major Thamil Eelam movements to join Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF) to fight the cause of Thamil Eelam and the salvation of her people. In this issue we are pleased to inform the Thamil speaking people and others that we are proud to announce one of the major movements entered into alliance with ENLF. This strengthens the resolve of the Liberation fighters of Thamil Eelam to fight the Imperialists and their stooges and redeem Thamil Eelam from Sri Lanka government oppression.

Liberation Tigers of Thamil Eelam (LTTE) by joining the ENLF has demonstrated that **UNITY** among various movements should come from within and that in the hour of need whatever differences ideological or otherwise each group has, will shed them and come together to serve the cause of Thamil Eelam. The other major group **PLOT** is still outside the ENLF. Negotiations are going on, and we are sure, **PLOT** will join ENLF at the earliest opportunity.

TELO, EROS and EPRLF entered into a pact in April 1984 and in an year, April 1985. **LTTE** too joined the ENLF. It is better to be late then never. There are many reasons for these movements to put their heads together in ENLF. The Press release issued by the four movements registers the following reasons for their decision to come together.

The alliance while consolidating the revolutionary forces on a co-ordinated programme of action, will strengthen the armed resistance campaign against the Sri Lankan State.

Escalation of State violence reinforces the necessity of Unity among Freedom Fighters. If violence and genocide against the Eelam people has to be curbed, the groups should chart out a joint politico-military strategy to advance the process of national Liberation.

The four movements came into the fold shedding their differences for the sake of unity and for the salvation of the Eelam Thamil speaking people. They have agreed to sort out any differences that may crop up among them, through discussion.

ENLF of the three **TELO, EROS** and **EPRLF** achieved a lot in the past. They bear a common name **ENLF**. It has embraced into its fold major group **LTTE**. The new Front has issued jointly a statement relating to the so-called Hindu-Muslim clash, the child born out of the union of Imperialistic stooge, Sri Lanka and the Zionists the Mossad.

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(Left to Right) **SRI SABARATNAM** (Leader of **TELO**), **V. PRABHAKARAN** (Leader of **LTTE**), **BALAKUMAR** Executive Committee of **EROS**) and **PADMANABHA** (Secretary General of **EPRLF**)

A General Appeal

to

Expatriate Tamils

The barbarous atrocities of the Sri Lankan State Terrorism is daily on the increase. We are determined to deliver the oppressed people of Thamil Eelam from the atrocities of the Facist Sri Lankan State by putting an end to it, to enable the people to live in peace and liberty, and to advance victory of our armed struggle against the Sri Lankan State. The unity of the different Liberation Groups is essential to drive away the Sinhala Forces from the Thamil Eelam soil, and to free our land from the clutches of the Sinhala State. We are building up a formidable unity to face our common enemy. We are sure that the unity we achieved recently and our coordinating efforts should be a welcome news to our people, and strengthen their hopes and aspirations.

For co-ordinating our activities, to collect funds to meet the political and military demands, we need the support and succour of the Thamil-speaking people. We humbly request and expect the expatriate Tamils to strengthen our hands to face the situation by their generous contributions.

You are aware that the four Groups were separately collecting funds before. While continuing the same, we have decided to organize a common fund. Through this we wish to broaden the scope of collection of contributions and expedite it.

We sincerely appeal to you all, to generously contribute to our funds at this juncture when International reactionary countries are swelling the coffers of the Sri Lankan State financially and strengthen it militarily. We expect the Thamil-speaking people to help the Freedom Fighters, to strengthen our resolve to fight to the last to win our goal of Independent Thamil Eelam.

By contributing to the funds, you are actually strengthening our hands. Your share in this direction is very very essential.

“UNITE AND STRUGGLE. STRUGGLE AND UNITE”

FOCUS ON

HINDU-MUSLIM CLASH

Divide and rule was the motto of the British colonialists. Whether in India or Malaysia or Burma or Sri Lanka, the Britishers set minorities against the majority. In India, Hindu-Muslim clash witnessed the birth of Pakistan. In Sri Lanka, Sinhala-Muslim riots of 1915 reflected the divide and rule policy. The successors to the British in Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese, use similar pattern. The Hindu-Muslim clash of recent times is the result of the UNP Government, which encouraged the Muslim-Tamil clash in the Eastern Province of Ceylon.

Of course, the Sri Lanka Government found a scapegoat in the Tamil Militants. But the Muslim Leaders acknowledge that the Sri Lanka Government and the Muslim bourgeoisie who are the instigators of these riots. The government is trying to wean away the Muslim people who support the Tamils in the Thamil Eelam cause. The Government adduces the following reasons for the Militants to start attacking the Muslims:

1. The Muslim houses and shops were attacked last April.
2. On 13th April 1985 a Muslim businessman was relieved of Rs. 25,000 by the Militants.
3. On 9th April 1985, three Muslims were shot dead at Mannar while they were praying in the Mosque.

The Government also claims that the Muslims of Akkaraipattu and Eravur observed hartals on 14th April 1985 against the Tamil Militant attacks.

On the 15th of April, the BBC Broadcast said that about 40 persons were killed and 10,000 people lost their houses and became refugees.

Now let us evaluate the situation.

The reasons for the Government to instigate these riots:

1. To stop the support of the Muslims to the Tamil cause.
2. To obtain aid from Arab countries.

When we analyse, we find that the State is aware of the support Tamils obtain from the Muslims for their Thamil Eelam cause. Even in last March, the Muslim Foreign Minister, Mr Sahul Hameed, accused the Muslims of giving support to the Tamils. To smash this support only, the Hindu-Muslim clash was started. The blame for these attacks was placed at the door of the Tamil Militants. It is to be noted that the news about shooting of two Muslims in the Mannar Mosque is still not established.

If the Tamil Militants have done the despicable deed of desecration of a Mosque, they should be lined before the public and given severe punishment. At the same time, if those Muslims have done anything against the Eelam Liberation Struggle, the punishment meted out to them is not wrong. But, Mosque should not be the place for the punishment to be executed. It is to be noted that one of the victims of the Mannar Mosque incident is from Akkaraipattu. The Tamil Ministers in the Jayewardene's Cabinet, Messrs Devanayagam and Rajadurai made a complaint to the President that some people instigated the Muslim thugs to attack the Tamils. The racial riot was authored by the Sri Lankan authorities and a temporary victory has been achieved by these instigators.

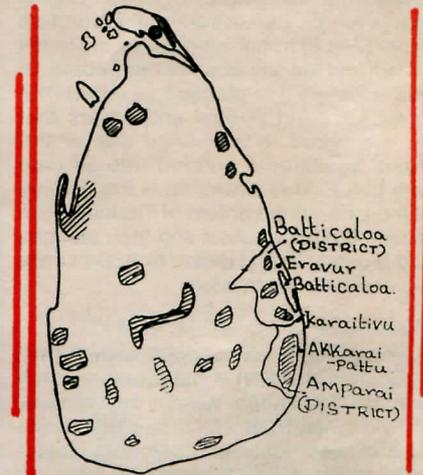
The Round Table Conference of all parties initiated by the Government of India ended abruptly without achieving any tangible result, is a well-known factor in the ethnic clash in Sri Lanka. The TULF, in this Conference, demanded a single Regional Council for the Northern and Eastern Provinces with a view to exercise the fundamental rights of the Tamils to determine their destiny. At present, JR is contemplating having another Round Table Conference to solve this ethnic problem. Following are the steps JR has announced to achieve this:

1. General amnesty will be given to the Militants,
2. The Army in the north and east will be withdrawn and be confined to the barracks,
3. To admit TULF MPs into Parliament again.

India's Foreign Secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, during his visit to Sri Lanka on 24th March 1985 gave Sri Lankan Government certain assurances to enable the Conference to take place. The following are those assurances:

1. The Trincomalee harbour oil refueling facilities project to be given up.
2. Even if permission is granted to the American War ships equipped with atomic weapons to berth in the harbour no special facilities or rights will be given to them.

This is to say that oil tanks used during the World War II by Britain are now not made use of. Three foreign companies allied to U.S.A. viz., Orient Co., based in Singapore, Costilas of Switzerland, Oil Tank Firm based in West Germany were prepared to repair and reclaim these tanks for use.



The areas in which the Hindu-Muslim clash took place.

The Sri Lankan Government has given an assurance to India to give up this project. There is no doubt India is satisfied with this assurance. In 1984 alone, U.S. Ships equipped with atomic missiles have called at Trincomalee and Colombo Harbour for 14 times. Many concessions were given to these ships. The Sri Lankan Government has assured Mr. Bhandari that these concessions have been now stopped.

Further, anti-India propaganda by the Sri Lanka media and the politicians have suddenly took a low pitch after Mr. Bhandari's visit. Sources close to Colombo say that in Sinhala elite and ruling circles and among the policy makers new hope has dawned regarding Indo-Sri Lanka relationship. Rumours are rampant that JRJ has done a new mantle and trying to organize another drama called the Round Table Conference where India will be invited to participate.

At this stage only we witness the Sri Lankan State instigate Hindu-Muslim clashes. 22nd and 23rd of April saw Kathankudi, a village in the Eastern Province, enveloped in anti-Tamil pogrom. The Sri Lankan State is now prepared to curb any violent clashes that occur either in the upcountry or in the Trincomalee Districts in an hour's duration.

Any Imperialistic or Capitalist Government could stir up a communal violence to achieve its end. Some revolts it could completely suppress. The World witnessed this kind of revolts.

TULF would demand a single Regional Council and full autonomy for the North and East, when they go to the next Round Table Conference. In the same Conference, the Tamil-speaking Muslims would say that they won't accept the State

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LIBERATION OF

SINHALA PEOPLE TOO,

IS OUR AIM

*****WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IS NOT ONLY THE EMANICIPATION OF THE TAMIL PEOPLE, BUT ALSO THE GREATER GOOD OF THE SINHALESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES*****

**— THANGATHURAI
FATHER OF THE NATION
TAMIL EELAM**

Dear Sinhala People! Pause and ponder!! Sinhala Mothers, Wives and Sisters! Do you ever think of the fate that befalls your sons, husbands and brothers in the armed forces — who are being killed in Tamil Eelam. Do you know who are behind these killings? And how you could stop them?

Our history since Independence, prompts us to realise that only a separate State of Tamil Eelam will ensure their safety and security of the Tamil speaking people in the Island. This alone will put an end to the genocide of Tamils perpetrated by the Sri Lankan chauvinistic regime. If you study the statements of Thangathurai and the activities of **TELO** which follows his footsteps you would realise that not only the Tamil speaking people but Sinhala people also find their salvation from oppressive government, lies in the philosophy of Thangathurai.

You may have the time to realise this, but your government tries to exterminate the Tamil speaking people and crush their Tamil Eelam Struggle. The chauvinism of your government, we regret to say, blinds your eyes!

In order to crush the Tamil Eelam Struggle, Sri Lankan regime sought the help of the most dreaded Mossad of Israel, a stooge of American Imperialism. The Muslims and Arabs oppose vehemently both the Mossad and its masters the U.S. Imperialists.

In order to divert the attention of the Arabs and others, a new element is introduced in the Tamil Eelam Struggle, in the form of Hindu-Muslim clash. In fact this element is introduced on the advice of Mossad by specially trained Police Commandos. Unfortunately a few anti-social elements among the Muslims fell a prey to the Mossad engineered poly and indulged in riots against the Hindus. Unlike the earlier riots between the Sinhalese and Tamils, the Tamil-Muslim clash bears witness to the activities of C.I.A. — Mossad axis.

We know that the Sinhala people are realising the above fact. That is why the Sri Lankan Revolutionary Communist Party openly advocates the Tamil Eelam cause, saying that it is a just cause.

We do realise that the suppressed Sinhala people and the intellectuals slowly but certainly begin to hate the oppressive Sri Lankan government. That is why, Mothers, Sisters and daughters of those in the armed forces, sent to massacre the Tamil Eelam people, raised their voices of protests demanding the withdrawal of the army from Tamil Eelam. This demands finds its parallel in the ill-fated Vietnam War when American women demanded the withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam!

We are confident that the people of Sri Lanka will rise in revolt and overthrow their oppressive fascist regime. The emergence of Tamil Eelam, we are sure, will witness this event.

LTTE JOINS ...

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So far **PLOT** the other major group is standing out of the **ENLF**. Attempts are going on to bring it into alliance with **ENLF**. It is the hope of the rest and the Tamil speaking public, that **PLOT** will be in the union very soon. When this is achieved, the United Eelam National Liberation Front will be the sole mouth-piece of the Tamil speaking people of Eelam. It will represent the Nationalism of the Eelam people. Anyone who wishes to solve the Tamil Eelam issue has to negotiate with **ENLF** — Voice of the Eelam Nationalism.

The **TULF** after receiving a mandate to fight and secure Eelam, lost that golden opportunity because of the inherent weakness of that organisation.

The governments of India and Sri Lanka considered the Eelam issue as a conflict between Sri Lanka government and **TULF**. But the major attacks by **TELO** and operations by other groups forced them to abandon this opinion. President Jayawardene's government realising the truth thought it prudent to terminate the political drama paraded as the Round Table Conference, and behind the scene, sent unofficial emissaries to approach the Militant Organisation. The Sri Lankan government publicly proclaimed that there is no point in negotiating with **TULF** as it has lost the support of Tamil Eelam people. No tangible solution to ethnic problem will emerge the Sri Lankan government realised of course very late — out of negotiations with **TULF**.

At present **ENLF** is the cynosure of the people of Tamil Eelam, Sri Lanka and the World. The Front is aware of this and jointly there are discussions now to meet the political, military and other aspects of the issue. Resistance to Sri Lanka State chauvinism and oppression of course will be maintained.

PLOT, which stands out of the **ENLF**, should realise the need for joining the **ENLF** to advance the cause of Eelam Struggle. The Front will welcome it. This will enable the Front to face the music of the Sri Lankan State better and give her a staunch fight to free Tamil Eelam from its clutches!

HOMAGE TO ...

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have seen the vaolour and the presence of mind of this Martyr Mizo.

TELO humbly pays its homage to Mizo the Commander in the Kokkavil Army Camp attack and his eight compatriots K Ravindranathan alias Bhava of Kopay, A. Antony Jevaratnam alias Jerat of Puthukkudiyiruppu — Anton alias Veenus of Mannar, S. Selvalingam alias Ravi of Velanai, I. Manokaran alias Paran of Kayts and V. Vigneswaran alias Ajanthan of Karaveddy.

ANURADHAPURA EPISODE – TO CONDONE OR TO CONDEMN ?

of Eelam. For this reason only the Tamil-Muslim clash was engineered. **JR** now would say, North and East could not be united under a single Regional Council. He would say that the Tamils could have only the North. Now what is the position of the **TULF**? The East is the Muslim majority area in Sri Lanka. The Muslims of the Eastern Province is 32.4% of the population of Sri Lanka. When you combine the Sinhalese with the Muslims in the Province, the Tamils are only a minority. When **JR** put forward the proposal that the Eastern Region could not be amalgamated with the Northern Region, other countries would accept his argument.

Foreign Loans obtained by Sri Lanka under Foreign Aid for 1984 is \$600 million. That is, the per capita expenditure is Rs. 532/- Sri Lanka was unable to repay the Loan and the World Bank refused to give further Loan. To preserve its position, Sri Lanka Government had to go with the begging bowl. Sri Lanka has been pawned to America. Sri Lanka invited Israel Aid. Arabs angered by this action, stopped their Aid to Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan Government was frightened by this development. The only option opened for the Sri Lankan Government to obtain the Arab Aid again is to get the support of the Muslims of the Island. She has achieved a temporary success in their aim. Sri Lankan Government achieved two things in one stroke. These are all temporary victories for **JR**. But this victory would be short-lived.

HOW TO THWART THE TREACHERY OF THE GOVERNMENT ?

If we lose the support of the Muslims, we are sure to lose our Liberation Struggle. Therefore we should work hard to achieve the co-operation of the Muslims. It is easy to kill a hundred soldiers but getting the support of a Muslim is very difficult. It cannot be done in a day or two. It would take years to win his support. This is Liberation Struggle. It could not be achieved by mere speeches or writings. It should be put into action. We should stop viewing the Muslims with suspicion. We would carry out our work keeping their goodwill in mind. There would be danger not only to us, to the Tamil-speaking people but to the oppressed people all over the World if we try to show our stunts and acting as heroes among the Muslims. To win our Struggle, we should take immediate steps to win the support of the Muslims.

There are many reasons for the Muslims to hate us. The **TULF** which belongs to the Capitalistic class, in order to enjoy their comforts, committed commissions and omissions against the Muslims. We would examine two of the actions of the Tamils which caused displeasure among the Muslims. During the First World War in 1915, there was shortage of commodities. The Sinhalese Capitalists blamed the Muslim businessmen for the shortages and rise in prices. There were clashes and Muslims were attacked by Sinhalese. The British Colonial Regime in Ceylon brought Punjabi soldiers to stop the Sinhalese attacks. The educated Ceylonese in the Legislative Council at that time Sri P. Ramanathan, instead of explaining the facts, went to Britain and argued to lift the Martial Law against the Sinhalese. It was withdrawn. As a result, the Muslims were subjected to ferocious attacks by the Sinhalese.

In 1970, the United Front Government announced in their Election Manifesto that they would remove the Israel Mission in Sri Lanka. When it won the elections, it even implemented it. At that time our self-appointed Tamil Leaders were speaking on platforms praising Israel.

Today, should expose the treachery of the Tamil Bourgeois Leaders, embrace our Muslim brethren into our fold and carry on the Tamil Eelam Struggle with their support.

WANTED – FUNDS

The Sri Lankan Government is building up a strong force with foreign aid and national fund to fight the Liberation groups. To face this new situation the Liberation fighters need more funds to buy arms and ammunition. We appeal to the general public of Tamil Eelam and the supporters all over the World to contribute generously to the funds of the Liberation Movements.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have already contributed generously to the **TELO** funds.

Contributions should be addressed to:

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14th of May 1985 would be an important day in the annals of Anuradhapura, the sacred city of the Sinhala Buddhists. The unexpected happened to the people of that district. Why, even the whole of Sri Lanka was stunned and shocked. This incident would be debated everywhere now and then. Approval and disapproval is certain to arise. But this bloodshed – is it necessary? Is it justifiable?

Why did this incident take place at all? Who is responsible? Condone it or condemn it – this is a debatable proposition. Who had executed this action? Of course, a group did it. No one disputes it. But, as a Liberation Movement, we are unable to accept this action.

We condemn the senseless killing of innocent Sinhalese civilians – for that matter killing of any one, Sinhalese, Tamils or Muslims. The Government of Sri Lanka placed the blame at the doorsteps of the Militants. But the causative factor for this phenomenon is the mounting terrorism of the State. The killings that took place since 1956 were one-sided. The Sinhalese thugs and thugs in uniform were killing and looting innocent Tamils. Since, of late, Mossad and SAS trained Sinhalese forces are killing the Tamil civilians. Calling this ethnic violence as Sinhala-Tamil clash or riots is a misnomer. It is only one-sided. Armed Sinhalese people and trained soldiers are carrying out genocide of Tamils.

In May 1985 about 50 innocent Tamil men, women and children were brutally massacred by the Sinhala forces, forcing them inside a library hall and blasting the building. This happened in a village in

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"The Sri Lanka Government is Determined to Butcher Us"

**Sri Sabaratnam, leader of the Tamil Eelam
Liberation Organisation, told
'SUNDAY' 28 APRIL - 4 MAY 1985**

Q: Last year, were you allegedly arrested in Belgium for possessing false travel documents?

A: That was just false propaganda unleashed by the Sri Lanka government to misguide the Tamils. I guess it was their (Sri Lanka government's) intention to give the impression that I am vulnerable. I was nowhere near Belgium.

Q: The **TELO** is known to be inimical to the **LTTE**. The rivalry between you and Pirabhakaran (leader of the **LTTE**) is almost as bad as between Pirabhakaran and Maheshwaran (leader of the **PLOT**). How did this unity between you and the **LTTE** come about?

A: What has motivated both the **LTTE** and the **TELO** to bury the hatchet is the desire of the majority of the Tamils from all over the world. The Tamils want nothing more than unity among the boys (militants). This unity can be achieved particularly in military operations, so by uniting we are all responding to the Tamil people's need. **TELO** is the first Eelam revolutionary organisation. We started in 1970. Pirabhakaran was with us and then he left us to form his own movement. And now we are all coming together in deference to the wishes of the oppressed Tamils - after all we are fighting for our people's deliverance.

Q: I am not talking about your past differences. As recently as last year, the **LTTE** and **TELO** were bitter foes. The **LTTE** was even trying to kill you.

A: Yes, it is true that in 1984, the **LTTE** made two attempts on my life. I don't want to talk about all that now because it will only generate hard feelings all over again. But in spite of our "rivalry" as you put it, we have come together. That is proof of the fact that we are willing to ignore all our past problems and make a fresh start. We are in a position to do this only because we realise that in the interest of the Tamil public we cannot stand on our pride and prejudices.

Q: How is your relationship with Pirabhakaran now?

A: I, or my party, have forgiven and forgotten the past. I hope it is the same way with Pirabhakaran.

Q: Why did talks with the **PLOT** break down?

A: Well, we have not given up. Experience has taught us that we cannot bring all the groups together at the same time. We three (**TELO**, **EPRF**, **EROS**) came together. Now the **LTTE** has joined us. We hope **PLOT** will also unite with us.



SRI SABARATNAM, Leader of TELO

Q: But then precisely because the **LTTE** is in, the **PLOT** may choose to keep out.

A: It's not necessary. After all, the **TELO** and the **LTTE** were able to come together despite serious differences. So, why not the **LTTE** and the **PLOT**?

Q: Why is it that the Tamils are now impressing upon the militants to close ranks?

A: Ever since the July holocaust, it is obvious to the Tamils that the Sri Lanka government is going from bad to worse and that they are determined to butcher us.

Q: Why do the Tamils want the boys to unite: is it to safeguard their lives and property, is it to drive away the Sinhala armed forces or is it to achieve Eelam?

A: To do all three. The ultimate goal of every Tamil in Ceylon is to achieve Eelam.

ANURADHA...

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Jaffna, Velvettithurai. A few people were lined up on the roadside and were shot in cold blood. School children were huddled into a school compound at Nelliady and shot dead. In Amparai, 40 youths were forced to dig their own graves, shot, and buried, some alive. This barbarous episode has been established as a fact and the World is aware, thanks to the Correspondents of 'La Monde' journal and the 'Daily Telegraph' London.

The Tamil Liberation fighters are not against the oppressed Sinhalese masses. Unfortunately, the Imperialistic stooges, the Sri Lankan Capitalist Class, hid the truth from them, and by sheer false propaganda, converted the Sinhalese masses as enemies and terrorists. The emergence of Tamil Eelam and its policies would make these Sinhalese masses to open their eyes to the Truth. When that happens, the Sinhalese masses would overthrow the oppressive Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinists.

There was sporadic mass killings of Tamils in retaliation to the Anuradhapura incident. On 14th May 1985, at Kurikattuvan in Delft 48 Tamils who fled that small island, were recalled and ruthlessly cut to pieces with swords and knives

The cycle of violence - armed forces killing the innocent Tamils and the Tamil militants killing the Sinhalese army - should end if peace with justice and honour established in Sri Lanka. This responsibility lies with the Sri Lankan State.

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OF MENTAL DISORDERS.
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LIBERATE PEOPLE."**

THANGATHURAI,

Father of the Nation Tamil Eelam

MODERN HITLER – JR

Words are coined to denote certain meanings and the post-war word 'Hitlerism' is a word that drives waves of shocks to people particularly Jews. 'Hitlerism' means cruelty, perversion, barbarism and what not.

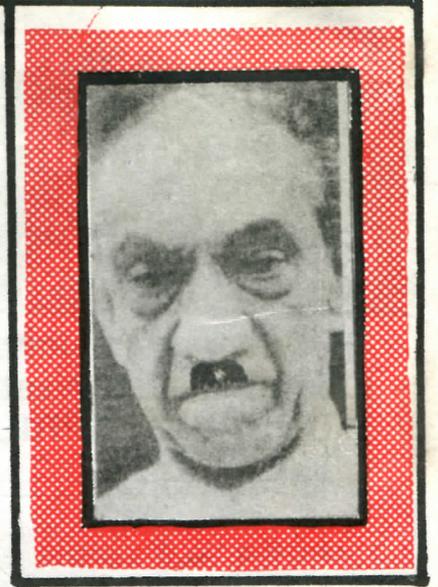
Adolf Hitler, author of the Second World War, eliminated six million Jews at the altar of the Superior Race – Aryans. He accomplished this task of exterminating the Jews by sending them to 'Gas Chambers'. Hundreds of Jews were put into the locked rooms and pumped poisoned gas. The Jewish babes in arms, children youths, men and women, all suffocated to death. Thousands were murdered by his terror squad – 'GESTAPO' – either shot dead in Concentration Camps or beheaded. Of course, Hitler did not administer these inhuman treatment personally but through his aides and executioners.

Similarly, Sri Lanka witnesses today what Germany witnessed four decades

ago. The Jews underwent the most inhuman torture, mayhem and barbarism in Germany. Tamils undergo similar agony in Eelam and Sri Lanka.

Hitler's dreaded 'Gestapo' lined the Jewish people on the roadsides, fields and market centres and shot them in cold blood. JR's Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinists line the innocent youths along the roadside and shoot them in cold blood as happened recently at Valvettithurai.

Hitler's men shut hundreds of Jewish children into halls and rooms and killed them by pumping poisonous gas. JR's men put school children into public library and shot them dead as happened at Valvettithurai. 'Gestapo' caused the victims to dig their own graves. Similarly Sri Lankan forces forced the Tamil youths to dig their own graves as happened at Thampiluvil in Batticaloa district recently. As happened to Jews in Germany, 48 Tamils were beheaded in the island of Delft.



Modern Hitler, JR surpassed Adolf Hitler by ordering to destroy libraries, the wealth of a Nation, which Hitler of Germany ordered not to destroy libraries. One of the best libraries in South-East Asia, Jaffna Public Library with 97,000 valuable books was set to fire in 1981 by the Sinhala forces.

At Nelliaddy, JR's Agent in the north, huddled children inside a school and blasted the building. JR will be mistaken if he thinks that he could go on killing innocents for long. The World opinion and the staunch stand by the Liberation fighters of Thamil Eelam would give him the proper answer for his actions.

Hitler's fate would certainly befall on our modern Hitler from Sri Lanka. Trust, wise counsel would prevail and JR would mend his ways and do justice to the Tamil speaking people of Eelam.



Tamil Fighter torn by Sinhala Chauvinist Army in search of Determination to fight for Thamil Eelam.

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